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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **IEDC Re-Elects Board Members**

*Judy McKinney-Cherry's Board Membership Extended for a Two-Year Term*

**DOVER, Del.** (Dec. 4, 2008) – The Board of Directors of the International Economic Development Council has re-elected Judy McKinney-Cherry, director of the Delaware Economic Development Office, to its Board of Directors. McKinney-Cherry will serve a two-year term beginning January 1, 2009.

“The International Economic Development Council is the world's leading economic development organization for professionals working in the field of economic development,” said Ian Bromley, IEDC's newly elected Chairman. “As Vice Chair for the last year, it has been my pleasure to work with Ms. McKinney-Cherry, and I look forward to our continued collaboration as IEDC moves forward with its goals of proffering quality information, education and development opportunities in what is, perhaps, the most challenging climate for economic development in recent years.”

McKinney-Cherry was appointed director of the Delaware Economic Development Office by Governor Ruth Ann Minner in October 2002. Previously, after having spent 10 years as Economic Development Program Manager in the Delaware Economic Development Office, she accepted a regional management position with Info Systems, a national information technology services company in Wilmington, Del. She led this six-person team to an over \$8 million business, tripling profitably within two years. When she retired from the company in 2002, she was responsible for profitably, managing nearly \$30 million of business annually. During her first term at the Delaware Economic Development Office, McKinney-Cherry assisted businesses in determining locations, markets and labor conditions for their endeavors in Delaware. She was also instrumental in bringing GIS into economic development as a tool in 1990.

McKinney-Cherry has a certificate from the University of Oklahoma Economic Development Institute. She earned a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies and Political Science, while securing minors in Computer Science and Economics at the Utah State University.

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**About DEDO**

The Delaware Economic Development Office is an executive state of Delaware agency responsible for attracting new investors and businesses to the state, promoting the expansion of existing industry, assisting small and minority-owned businesses, promoting and developing tourism and creating new and improved employment opportunities for all citizens of the State. DEDO is a Certified Economic Development Organization, accredited by the International Economic Development Council. For more information, visit [dedo.delaware.gov](http://dedo.delaware.gov).

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